

WOUNDED BRITISH "TOMMIES" VISIT CITY HALL



Two wounded members of the British army today called at the office of Mayor Smith. They were Hugh Gerow, of Richmond, Va., a private in the Fourth Canadian Battalion, who lost an arm on the western battlefield, and Kenneth Bowyer, of Moose Jaw, Canada, who lost a leg while serving in the Sixteenth Scottish Battalion. E. Holden, vice president of the Oxford Association for Returned Soldiers, accompanied them.

RUSSIANS SEIZE GREAT ESTATES OF RICH GENTRY

150,000,000 Acres Already Confiscated by Rebel Peasantry

SOCIALIST PEACE MOVE

Plan International Congress and Will Support Stockholm Conference

WASHINGTON, May 12.—Departure of the American mission to Russia will be speeded because of advices of continued internal disturbances in Russia. Elinor Root, chairman of the Russian Commission, held a long conference today with Frank Scott, chairman of the munitions board of the Council of National Defense; General Crozier, chief of ordnance, and Secretary Baker to discuss the problems to be solved. In the State Department it was said no official news has been received directly from Russia for three days. The route and actual time of departure of the commission will be kept secret.

By WILLIAM G. SHEPHERD. PEASANTS' REVOLUTION. Anxiety of the plain people of Russia to hasten the departure of the American mission to Russia is growing. The peasants are powerless and virtually under arrest in their own homes. The situation in the Duma yesterday by Delegate Shulgina. In the Duma meeting today Deputy Rodicheff referred to internal friction in planning for domestic peace. "All honest Russian hearts are with you," he declared in an impassioned address to the Duma officials, "even your opponents—even those who speak against you. Don't weaken. Your names will be blessed as long as the Russian language is spoken."

QUICK NEWS

JULY AND SEPTEMBER WHEAT SOAR

CHICAGO, May 12.—The removal of May wheat from the trading on the Chicago Board of Trade, which action was taken by the board of directors yesterday, was followed today by brisk trading in the July option. Demand for July was large from the start and by the close the price had been advanced to \$2.75 a bushel, a gain of 2-3-4 over the close of last night, and a new high record. September, at the same time, rose 27c to \$2.45.

MINNEAPOLIS, May 12.—May wheat reached \$3.30 here today, jumping 17 1-2c. July reached \$2.94 and flour soared 60c to \$17.20. Trading in May wheat may be discontinued.

PENROSE AND KNOX "DUCK" CENSORSHIP VOTE

WASHINGTON, May 12.—Neither Senator Penrose nor Senator Knox voted on the Johnson amendment to knock out the press censorship provision of the espionage bill, which was lost in the Senate today.

DANISH SHIP FROM BOSTON SUNK BY U-BOAT

BOSTON, May 12.—The Danish steamship Louisiana, which for ten years sailed between Boston and Copenhagen and Christiania, has been torpedoed off the English coast by a German submarine. Although the vessel was sunk without warning the crew escaped in boats and were picked up by a British patrol ship. The ship belonged to the Scandinavian-American Line and was of 3013 gross tonnage.

MAINE CENTRAL BARS ALL BUT FOOD FREIGHT

PORTLAND, Me., May 12.—A freight embargo on everything except foodstuffs has been declared by the Maine Central Railroad Company because of the freight congestion brought about in part by strikes of employees.

BASE HOSPITAL NO. 10 READY TO GO TO FRANCE

The 150 orderlies, 25 doctors and surgeons and 85 nurses composing the Pennsylvania Hospital unit, known as Base Hospital No. 10, are keeping in touch with base headquarters, Cavalry Parish House, Locust street above Fifteenth. They are expecting momentary orders to be sent "somewhere in France."

AUTOISTS WARNED OF NEW BETHLEHEM PIKE TRAP

The Automobile Club of Delaware County has sent out a warning to motorists of a new trap on Bethlehem Pike at Spring House, at the point where the following named roads intersect Bethlehem Pike: Somersstown Pike, Penlyn Pike, McKean's Road. The authorities have erected warning signs, and all persons failing to sound horn at these places will be prosecuted.

\$100,000 FIRE IN CANADIAN MUNITIONS WORKS

TORONTO, May 12.—Fire believed to have started from spontaneous combustion caused nearly \$100,000 damage in the Cliff Ammunition Works here. Forty thousand five-pound shells were exploded.

STATE COLLEGE GIRLS ORGANIZE WIRELESS UNIT

STATE COLLEGE, Pa., May 12.—Seventy girl students at the Pennsylvania State College have organized a reserve unit of wireless telegraph operators. They expect to offer their services to the Government after they become efficient with the codes and apparatus.

UNIDENTIFIED BRITISH SHIP ACCIDENTALLY SUNK

AN AMERICAN PORT, May 12.—The British steamship Uttonia on arrival today reported sinking another British steamship in a collision. The Uttonia, sailing from a European port, was steaming without lights and ran full speed into the other vessel, also without lights. Officers of the Uttonia were unable to learn the name of the other ship, which sank rapidly. On Thursday, May 10, the London Chronicle carried a story to the effect that a large steamship had been sunk with a loss of seventy lives two weeks ago. No announcement of the disaster was made by the Admiralty.

SCANDINAVIANS WILL MAINTAIN THEIR NEUTRALITY

STOCKHOLM, May 12.—The neutrality of the Scandinavian countries will be maintained. Decision to this effect has been reached by the Ministers of Norway, Denmark and Sweden, in conferences here. Official announcement of their decision has been made to meet the crisis brought about by the shortage of coal in the Scandinavian countries. The Ministers in conference have appointed a committee to oversee the production and distribution of fuel.

ALLIES' UNITED BOARD TO BUY SUPPLIES IN U. S.

WASHINGTON, May 12.—The greatest purchasing commission in the history of the world soon will have its headquarters here. It will buy all supplies needed for France, Italy and Great Britain. By so doing it is expected that it will be possible to keep prices below the prohibitive mark. A draft of the proposed agreement which creates the commission now is in the hands of Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo. It will be taken up with the British and French missions probably next week. The Allies will expend in this country all of the money loaned them by the United States.

WORLD PRAYER DAY SUGGESTED BY DR. CONWELL

A suggestion for an international day of prayer was forwarded today to President Wilson by the Rev. Dr. Russell H. Conwell, pastor of the Baptist Temple and president of Temple University. The suggestion was adopted in the form of a resolution by a meeting at the Temple, and is: "Resolved, That we suggest to the President the necessity for calling for a day of national prayer as an important part of our preparation for war, and that we ask him if it is not feasible to ask all the nations at war to do the same thing."

TWENTY-SEVEN BOATS ON DELAWARE READY TO AID U. S.

Twenty-seven power boats are ready for service in the Delaware waters to aid the Government in the fight against the U-boats, members of the Delaware River Flyer Squadron have announced. Two boats have already been given to the Government, while the rest are ready at a minute's notice to act as destroyers, chasers and mine layers.

U. S. PREPARING FOR TRADE CONFLICT AFTER WAR

WASHINGTON, May 12.—The United States has taken its first step toward preparing for the trade war which will follow the conflict with Germany. The preliminary preparations for the commercial conflict will be in the hands of the recently appointed tariff commission. Today the tariff commission announced the appointment of Commissioners Culbertson and Costigan as a committee to make "an investigation into foreign trade relations, commercial treaties and bargaining treaties." In the course of their investigation the two commissioners will visit virtually all of the Allied countries. They will leave in June, the commission announced, for a trip that will take them to Great Britain, France, Russia, Italy, Japan and China.

SENATE KILLS PLAN TO CURB PRESS IN WAR

Censor Clause in Spy Bill Loses in Committee of Whole

DEBATE PROCEEDS ON OTHER SECTIONS

Ample Powers Granted to President to Protect Nation Against Treason

DRY ISSUE UP AGAIN

Cummins Would Tack Prohibition Provision on to Espionage Measure

WASHINGTON, May 12.

By a majority of only one vote the Senate, sitting as a committee of the whole, struck from the Gregory espionage bill the censorship provision that would authorize autocratic power to gag the press during the war.

The vote was 39 to 38. Fifteen Democrats joined with twenty-four Republicans to defeat the objectionable provision which has caused a storm of criticism from all over the country and on the floor of both houses of Congress.

Senator Martin, Democratic floor leader, was one of the Democrats who voted against the provision which Attorney General Gregory promulgated.

Immediately after the killing of the section, Senator Kirby, of Arkansas, one of the "little group of willful men," made a final effort to have a censorship provision, even more drastic than that proposed by the Administration, incorporated in the bill. It was voted down by the overwhelming majority of 63 to 5.

Disposition of the censorship feature leaves the President with no specific control over the press.

AMPLE POWERS GIVEN

Other sections of the espionage bill cover treasonable utterances, and it was the contention of those opposed to the censorship that those sections will give the Government ample powers to protect itself.

It is possible that later an effort will be made to have a censorship provision, even more drastic than that proposed by the Administration, incorporated in the bill. It was voted down by the overwhelming majority of 63 to 5.

Under the rule allowing ten minutes to each Senator to speak on different provisions of the espionage bill, discussion of other sections began on today and a vote on the whole bill is expected before adjournment this evening. Even as it stands, it gives the President powers such as are hardly exceeded by any ruler in the world.

PROVISIONS OF BILLS

The President is authorized to issue proclamations governing movements of all vessels in American territorial waters, and to take possession of all such vessels if necessary. In addition:

The President is authorized to employ land and naval forces to prevent destruction or injury to any vessel in American waters and to prevent vessels to be used as resort for any one conspiring against the United States.

A penalty of not more than twenty-five years imprisonment for any one furnishing trouble or conveying false reports about the military and naval forces of the country.

It provides a heavy penalty for any one conspiring against the United States or who harbors any one whom he suspects of being a conspirator.

It provides a fine of not more than \$10,000 and imprisonment for not more than ten years for any one who injures or attempts to injure vessels or people engaged in commerce between this country and a foreign country.

It provides a similar penalty for any one attempting or accomplishing actual interference by violent means with shipment of products from the United States.

The President is empowered to withhold clearance papers to any vessel desiring to leave an American port with a penalty for attempts to escape without proper clearance.

It provides heavy penalties for any interned aliens who attempt to escape or any one who assists such aliens in the attempt.

The President is authorized to use the army and navy to prevent the hatching or launching of armed expeditions against nations at peace with the United States.

It empowers the President to force out of port if necessary any foreign vessel.

EMBARGO PLANS The President is authorized to place an embargo on arms and ammunition whenever he deems it necessary, also on products to neutrals.

It prescribes drastic regulations on issuance of passports and improper use thereof.

It broadens the powers of officials in application of search warrants.

It authorizes the Postmaster General to forbid use of mails under penalty to any one advocating or urging treason, insurrection or forcible resistance to any law of the United States.

KAISER MUST GO, SOCIALISTS SAY

American Radicals Tell Germans in Cablegram Hohenzollernism Must End

URGENT REFORM PROGRAM

NEW YORK, May 12.—A number of American Socialists sent word to their colleagues of Germany today that the Kaiser and Kaiserism must go; that the war against Germany must be continued by the democratic people of the world until this result is achieved.

The message was cabled by the small group represented by Charles Edward Russell, William English Walling and J. G. Phelps Stokes. It was cabled to Stockholm, Copenhagen, The Hague and Bern, with specific requests that the text be referred to German Socialists. The message was sent purely in the name of individuals and not in the name of the Socialist Party.

Names of America's most prominent Socialists were affixed to the message—including Charles Edward Russell, J. G. Phelps Stokes, William English Walling, Rose Pastor Stokes and others.

"There is only one way to bring the war to an early end," the appeal asserted: "that is the Kaiser must go."

The Socialists' message comes at the time when German Socialists or pseudo-Socialists, who are Government agents, are working vigorously under sanction of the German Government itself to persuade and lead Russian Liberals into a German-made peace.

The message constitutes a virtual appeal to the German Socialists that if they are in earnest about peace they can bring about the end of the war very quickly by overthrowing the Kaiser and his autocratic government.

The democratic peoples of the world now issue against the Kaiser and Kaiserism a message which is being broadcasted to Germany and her autocratic allies against the Kaiser and Kaiserism are overthrown, the message reads.

The German Socialist faction that opposes the Government has already realized that both an early peace and German liberty require that the power of the Kaiser should be rigidly and immediately curtailed, and they have announced the following program as a cure for Kaiserism:

Responsibility of the Government to the Reichstag; Reichstag control of peace and war; equal Reichstag election districts; abolition of the upper houses of the States; the Empire, as well as equal suffrage throughout, though not yet promulgated, after the war.

This program is fundamental and extremely excellent indeed that it is extremely unlikely to be granted without a contracted series of overwhelming German

THE WEATHER

FORECAST For Philadelphia and vicinity—Partly cloudy and continued cool tonight and Monday; moderate northeast winds.

FRENCH TROOPS EXTEND ATTACK SOUTH OF LAON

Nivelle Assails Germans as Far South as Alsace

PIERCE DEFENSES ON VERDUN LINE

Penetrate German Trenches at Several Places in Amertzwiller Sector

LONDON, May 13.—General Maude has opened an offensive in Mesopotamia. His British troops are still pushing back the Turks. An official statement today put the newly advanced British lines at a point from sixty to eighty miles north of Bagdad. "Since the second instant," the report said, "our mobile columns in the basins of the Shatt-el-Adhaim and Djalal Rivers have pressed the army back into the Jeb-el-Hamrin range."

PARIS, May 12.—Fighting all the way south of Laon down to Alsace-Lorraine was detailed in today's French official statement. Gains were achieved by General Nivelle's forces in penetrating the German lines south of Besonvaux as well as at several points in the Amertzwiller sector of Alsace, the War Office said.

Around Chemin des Dames the artillery combat showed a slight slackening, the statement said. The French blew up a munitions depot in this section.

At Juvincourt there was patrol fighting. In the regions south of Pargny, and in the Champagne, west of the Cornillet woods, the same style of fighting prevailed.

Around Verdun there was an artillery

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First Actual Photographs of the Capture of Vimy Ridge

Two whole pages of these EXCLUSIVE PICTURES will appear in Monday's Evening Wedger Pictorial Section

HOUSE STRUGGLES OVER ROOSEVELT

Bitter Fight Precipitated by Move to Save Volunteer Army

ANTHONY FOR COLONEL

WASHINGTON, May 12.—The offer of Colonel Roosevelt to lead an expeditionary force to France precipitated a bitter fight in the House today over the conference report of the army draft bill. As soon as the House convened Roosevelt supporters gave notice they would attempt to send the conference report back to the Senate and House conference committee with instructions to include the Harding amendment authorizing the President to accept the services of the "Roosevelt volunteers."

It was agreed that a motion to recommit the conference report should be considered as pending during the debate on the report.

The motion to recommit was offered by Representative Anthony, of Kansas, one of the conferees on the draft bill. He refused to sign the conference report because of the limitation of the Senate amendment authorizing the raising of four divisions of volunteers irrespective of the selective draft provisions of the bill.

DEBATE TWO HOURS

A unanimous consent agreement was reached by the House that the debate on the conference report should continue for two hours. The Administration leaders, taking no chances, made a point of a quorum to bring in absentees to hear the opening speech of Chairman Bent, of the Military Committee, against the Roosevelt amendment.

Representative Gardner, of Massachusetts; Leonard, of Wisconsin, and Anthony, of Kansas, were selected by the advocates of the Roosevelt amendment to lead the fight for its retention. They came to the chamber loaded down with books on rules and precedents to assist any point of order against their attempt to reject the conference report. Both sides polled State delegations today and yesterday afternoon, and it was admitted the vote on the Roosevelt proposal would be close.

Colonel Roosevelt telegraphed Senator Harding and Mr. Gardner that he did not desire to hold up the army draft bill, but the Senator and Mr. Gardner expressed a willingness to assume responsibility for a delay of a few hours, since the bill was held in conference two weeks.

BENT DEFENDS ACTION

Defending the elimination of the Roosevelt amendment, Chairman Bent, of the Military Committee, said: "By a vote of 179 to 166 this House

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BROTHERHOOD FUND ELECTS

L. G. Smith, of Harrisburg, Heads Relief Organization

HARRISBURG, May 12.—The Brotherhood Relief and Compensation Fund of the United States, in session here, has elected the following officers: Grand president, L. G. Smith, Harrisburg; assistant secretary, E. L. McGinnis, Pitsburgh; national secretary, D. W. B. Murphy, Altoona; trustee, George W. Baltzinger, Harrisburg, and editor of official publication, W. Arthur Wilson, Harrisburg.

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HANG GRAIN SPECULATORS HIGH, JOE LEITER DEMANDS

Former "King of Wheat Corner" Calls Operations "Treasonable"

WASHINGTON, May 12.—A man who speculates in grain or any kind of foodstuffs "should be strung from a specially constructed gallows," Joe Leiter, former "wheat corner king," declared today.

Leiter, a prominent Chicago speculator, unprincipled thing than for an American citizen to speculate on any grades of foodstuffs at this time.

The Russian workmen, too, are taking

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MUST LET POLES BE PLACED

NORRISTOWN, Pa., May 12.—Court today granted a preliminary injunction restraining Joseph P. Dolan from preventing the sale and distribution of light bulbs.

Winterhalter on Navy Board

WASHINGTON, May 12.—Rear Admiral A. C. Winterhalter, who has commanded the Asiatic fleet for two years, was today relieved of his command and assigned to the general board of the navy. He will be succeeded in the Orient by Rear Admiral Austin M. Knight.

Bars Mails to Liquor Ads

WASHINGTON, May 12.—The Postoffice Department is today sending out announcement showing the States to which it is unlawful, on and after July 1, to address mail matter containing liquor advertisements or solicitations.

JOFFRE PICTURES

The Pictorial Section of tomorrow's Public Ledger will contain three full pages of pictures of Marshal Joffre, ex-Premier Viviani and the French commission, taken during their visit to Philadelphia on Wednesday. They will make a handsome souvenir of the occasion.

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